



Dear Families,

My name is Mrs. Lisa Schuler and I am excited to be your child's UPK teacher this year! I look forward to helping each child grow, develop, and learn so many new things.

The first few weeks of school will be a time for the children to become familiar with the daily classroom routines and to get to know each other. As you know, we believe that four year-olds learn best through play and exploration. Our learning centers include blocks, art, math, language, writing, discovery, sensory, library, music, puzzles, and legos. These centers are designed to foster young children's skills. We will sing, dance, and learn to play games together. We will be going outside for play, which is important for large muscle development.

I am sure that you and your child are anxiously anticipating the beginning of a new and exciting year. I know that I can enlist your support and commitment as we pursue this challenging and rewarding year together.

Here are some things you need to know about the first days of Pre-K:

- The first day of school for UPK is Thursday, September 5, 2019. This will be an orientation for parents and students. Please enter the school through the red doors on Peter Ave. near the basketball courts. There will be two sessions:

1. Students with the last names A-G: 9:00-10:00 AM

2. Students with the last names L-M: 10:30-11:30 AM

- On Friday, September 6, we will have a shortened schedule for our UPK students, which will ease the transition into our full day program. Students and parents enter through the red doors on Peter Ave. near the basketball court. UPK will be in session from 9:00-11:30 AM.
- On Monday, September 9, children will attend their first full day of UPK! Students and parents will be greeted by the red doors on Peter Ave. near the basketball court at 8:10 AM. Please be prompt. Pick-up time is at 2:30 PM. Your child will be ready to go home, especially in the first few weeks, so please be on time.
- You might want to practice saying your goodbyes at home. If your child has a hard time saying goodbye the first few days, make a clear plan with

him/her and be sure to give a big hug and kiss before you leave. The aides and I will be there to help and start our activities for the day.

On the first day of school, the children should bring:

- a. A regular size backpack; no wheels, please!
- b. A complete change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) in a labeled plastic shoebox (Approximately 13”Lx8”Wx5”H) labeled with the child’s name. These clothes will stay in school for the entire year.
- c. 1 box of tissues.
- d. 1 box of baby wipes.
- e. 2 rolls of paper towels.
- f. A very small blanket in a plastic shoebox (same size as above) labeled with your child’s name.
- g. 1 container of Lysol wipes.
- h. 1 marble notebook.
- i. 1 liquid hand-soap (foam pump would be great)
- j. 1 crib sheet (The children will cover their cot with this crib sheet)
- k. 1 package of gallon Ziploc bags
- l. 1 ream copy paper

Once again, I want to say how pleased I am that your child will be a member of my class!

We can’t wait to work together to help you and your child have a happy and successful year in UPK and look forward to seeing you on September !

Sincerely,

Ms. Lisa Schuler